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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.  
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SUBJECT: **POTENTIAL SALVATION ARMY AGREEMENT**

On December 3, 2002, your Board approved an agreement between this Department and the American Red Cross, Los Angeles Chapter (ARC) to establish roles, responsibilities and a cooperative status in preparing for and responding to disaster relief situations occurring in the County. At that time, your Board also instructed me to report back on establishing a similar agreement with the Salvation Army.

We contacted the Salvation Army's Director of Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) and were informed that the organization is not currently interested in pursuing this type of agreement. The Director clarified that this in no way changes the existing cooperative working relationship the Salvation Army maintains with the County. Along with responses to local tragedies such as fires, flooding, etc., the Southern California Division's EDS offices assisted in coordinating volunteers from the area to New York City following the events of September 11. Unlike the ARC which holds mandated federal responsibilities, the Salvation Army is not dependent on Presidential or other federal disaster declarations and stays committed to working with the entire disaster response system in Los Angeles County.

The Department continues to work with various volunteer organizations to ensure availability of resources in disaster situations. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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